

## Message Text

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ACTION SCCT-01

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 NEA-06 ISO-00 AF-04 CCO-00 CIAE-00

DODE-00 NSAE-00 NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 OC-01

DOT-00 EB-07 H-01 INR-05 IO-10 L-02 NSC-05 SP-02

PRS-01 RSC-01 SS-15 USSS-00 SY-04 FAA-00 WRD-01 SCS-03

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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 7520

INFO AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE NIACT IMMEDIATE

USINT BAGHDAD NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LONDON NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ALGIERS NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY RABAT NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY CAIRO NIACT IMMEDIATE

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DEPT PLS PASS AS DESIRED

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, EG, SF OGEN

SUBJ: HIJACKED VC-10

REF: TUNIS 7241

1. 0800 DEADLINE PASSED WITHOUT INCIDENT AS RESULT MINISTER  
OF INTERIOR'S URGING THAT TERRORISTS GIVE TUNISIANS MORE  
TIME. AT 0825 MINISTER OF INTERIOR GOT BACK IN TOUCH WITH  
TERRORIST LEADER, MARWAN, TO STATE THAT TUNISIAN GOVT.  
HAD DECIDED TO ALLOW TERRORISTS TO DESCEND FROM PLANE AND  
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THAT THEY COULD HAVE CONFIDENCE IN TUNISIAN GOVT. MIN INT

SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS AND ASSURE  
COMPLETE SAFETY OF AIRCRAFT CREW.

MARWAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION BUT SAID THEY NEEDED  
ASSURANCES THAT TERRORISTS WOULD NOT BE JAILED AND  
THAT THEY WOULD HAVE COMPLETE FREEDOM. MIN INT  
CAREFULLY SIDESTEPED ANY COMMITMENT ON THIS.  
MARWAN ASKED THEN TO SPEAK WITH ABU IYAD, MAKING SAME  
DEMAND RE BEING TOTALLY FREE. ABU IYAD ALSO SIDESTEPED  
ISSUE AND EXPRESSED HAPPINESS THAT ISSUE HAD BEEN  
RESOLVED AND SAID THAT ARRANGEMENTS TO LET THEM OFF  
WOULD NOW BE MADE.

2. AIR TERMINAL HAS BEEN CLEARED OF ALL PERSONNEL.  
PILOT STATES THAT TERRORISTS TELL HIM THEY WILL ALLOW  
AIRCRAFT CREW TO LEAVE FIRST AND WILL LEAVE ARMS ON  
PLANE.  
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